



Statement on Unit, Personal and Family Readiness



As the nation's 911 force, part of the Marine Corps' ethos is to be always ready. Marines are prepared to respond immediately to any threat, anywhere. To be a force in readiness means that we have ready Marines, ready equipment and ready families at all times.

Marine readiness means that we are prepared to deploy and fight at any moment. We are physically fit, medically cleared, and properly trained. Equipment readiness means that our gear will be properly accounted for, maintained, and used to its maximum effectiveness at all times. Ready families means that those we care for are empowered with the information, resources and skills necessary to thrive during deployments or other stress associated with military life.

To accomplish these goals of professional readiness and family resiliency, Marines are expected to ensure the welfare of their own family, and be aware of and involved in the personal and family readiness of their peers and subordinates. We take care of each other.

This command's readiness program is here to promote resiliency among our families and Marines. We also take a particular interest in the success and well-being of our single Marines through a strong, active Single Marine Program. The UPFRP focuses on four core functions to help Marines and families adapt, overcome and thrive, both in times of calm and in times of crisis.

- Official communication is a two-way, open dialogue that keeps families informed, helps prevent rumors, and attempts to eliminate the stress of uncertainty.
- Information resource and referral matches families with the appropriate support available to meet their particular needs in any given situation.
- Readiness and deployment support provides families with the information and tools necessary to meet the challenge of deployment and empowers families to grow and thrive in the process.
- Volunteer management harnesses the talents and experiences of our family members by fostering a climate of inclusion and offering opportunities for relevant, significant volunteer service.

One of the most important resources available for family readiness is our Family Readiness Officer (FRO). Our FRO is the expert who manages our program in coordination with the Family Readiness Command Team, and is ready to provide information and support. I urge you to get involved with the squadron and bring your talents and time to making our community the best it can be.

Please take advantage of the wealth of resources the Family Readiness Program offers, but always keep in mind that you are ultimately responsible for your personal and your family's readiness. Success in any conflict depends upon our ability to focus on mission accomplishment, and having ready, resilient families is a cornerstone of our ability to succeed. For information and assistance, please contact our FRO, Ms. Bonnie Malyk at 252-466-6722, or bonnie.malyk@usmc.mil.

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